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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: PORT OF CARENERO

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1. ACCORDING TO IVAN GARRIDO, GENERAL MANAGER INSTITUTO MACIONAL DE PUERTOS (INP), THE STATUS OF THE PROJECT IS NOT AS FAR ADVANCED AS INP'S PLANNING DIVISION AND SUBSEQUENT NEWSPAPER ARTICLES HAD INDICATED. A DETAILED FEASIBILITY STUDY HAS NOT BEEN MADE BUT SHOULD BE COMPLETED THIS YEAR. INP IS IN THE PROCESS OF SELECTING, THROUGH A PRIVATE LICITATION, A VENEZUELAN FIRM TO DO THIS STUDY. GARRIDO SAID INP WOULD BE WILLING TO TRANSMIT TO THOSE VENEZUELAN FIRMS THAT WILL BE UNDER CONSIDERATION, INQUIRIES AND INFORMATION RE QUALIFICATION OF U.S. ENGINEERING/CONSULTING FIRMS WHICH WOULD BE INTERESTED IN WORKING ON THE FEASIBILITY STUDY.

2. AS TO ACUTAL CONSTRUCTION PLANS, GARRIDO NOTED THAT THE ESTIMATED COST OF PROJECTS PLANNED BY INP EXCEED ITS BUDGET. INCLUDED IN THE RECENT EXECUTIVE REQUEST TO BORROW AN ADDITIONAL SIX BILLION BOLIVARS WAS 800 MILLION FOR THE INP. HOWEVER, THE INP RECEIVED ONLY 400 MILLION. ACCORDINGLY, GARRIDO
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INDICATED THE INP HAD TO RE-ASSESS ITS WORK PROGRAM AND ANY NEW PROJECTS, SUCH AS CARENERO, WOULD DEPEND ON THE AVAILABILITY OF ADDITIONAL FUNDING.

3. AS TO POSSIBILITY OF RETAINING U.S. OR THIRD-COUNTRY COUNTRACTORS, INP NORMALLY AWARDS MAJOR CONTRACTS TO VENEZUELAN COSORCIA WHICH INCLUDE THIRD-COUNTRY PARTICIPATION. AN EXAMPLE

OF THIS RAYMOND, BROWN & ROOT CONTRACT TO EXPAND THE PORT OF
GUANTA IN CONSORCIUM WITH DRAVECA AND ING. CASTOR VERDA.
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